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COUNTRY : Czechoslovakia

SUBJECT : Duties of Enlightenment Officers

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2. The duties of an enlightenment officer, (of the Bureau of Education and Enlightenment) attached to the Ministry of Defense, include making arrangements in his district for an information network. Each Saturday a report is to be submitted covering the following points:

- a. Observation of the civilian population; their thinking, behavior, and particularly their political attitudes.
- b. Observation of and information on, political, cultural, and educational organizations, their members, political and social events, and local demonstrations.
- c. Information on local political situations, particularly during pre-election periods.
- d. Information concerning conditions in special councils, in national security groups and agencies, such as State Security, Criminal Police, etc.
- e. A list is to be kept of all SSB members in the district, including their political reliability and their political affiliations.
- f. Enlightenment officers are also instructed to observe Communist Party functionaries, so "that it is certain that they are always working in the interest of the Party".

COMMENT: The information contained in this document is not considered reliable, particularly in view of its highly prejudiced origin. It is unlikely, for example, that Enlightenment

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officers are charged with the observation of Communist Party members (See 2f above). Proshaska, chief of the Bureau of education and enlightenment, and many of his personnel, are presumably Communists, but it is not consistent with Party tactics, even in the Soviet Union, to permit the surveillance of its members by any other than official organs within the Party which organ would be unquestionably under direct Party control.

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